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TO RUEVLK/AMEMBASSY KABUL IMMEDIATE 2279
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TAGS: PFOR, PINT, 1K, AF
SUBJECT: REPORT OF KING ZAHIR'S RETURN

REF: KABUL 5282 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING EZATOLLAH AKELI, CULTURAL UNDERSECRETARY AT MFA, TEHRAN RADIO KAN ITEM AS STATED REFTEL. HE ADMITTED STORY TURNED OUT TO BE INACCURATE BUT NOTED THAT IT WAS TAKEN FROM WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ORIGINATING IN PAKISTAN SEVERAL OF WHICH, INSOFAR AS COUP IN AFGHANISTAN IS CONCERNED, HAVE BEEN IN ERROR.

2. PARS NEW AGENIR, WHICH SUPPLIES ITEMS FOR USE ON IRANIAN RADIO DENIES THAT REPORT WAS RUN AT ALL EXCEPT TO STATE THAT KING ZAHIR WAS TRAVLING FROM ISCHIA TO ROME.

COMMENT: DESPITE BROADCAST WE BELIEVE THAT GOI ANXIOUS TO DO NOTHING AT THIS TIME TO AGREAVATE UNNECESSARILY ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH KABUL. FACT OF NEWS AGENCY DENIAL INDICATES LIKELIHOOD THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CHECK ACCURACY OF FUTURE REPORTS MORE CAREFULLY.

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